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TRANSIT "EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR" HONORED; SAFETY ACHIEVEMENTS RECOGNIZED

Transit Operator Ed Stanard is Selected as the 2014 "Employee of the Year"

General Manager Wendy Clark-Getzin, PE, announced the selection of Transit Operator Ed Stanard as the recipient of the 2014 "Employee of the Year" award during the Clallam Transit System's annual awards ceremony on March 22 in Sequim. The ceremony which included a brunch buffet was held at the Sunland Golf and Country Club. Forty-one employees attended the event.

In announcing the winner, Clark-Getzin said the nomination noted that Stanard should be selected for this recognition for numerous reasons. In reviewing Stanard's accomplishments, she stated he had served as a member of the system's Run Cut Committee in 2014 and also as a Board member on the system's Employees' Association Board of Directors for five years. Stanard has also served six years as a union Shop Steward and has been a participant on the agency's Labor Relations Committee on behalf of the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), Local 587. It was noted that in 2014, Ed was especially valuable to the ATU, Local 587, contracts negotiations for both fixed-route and maintenance and the paratransit divisions. Lastly, Clark-Getzin stated Stanard always has a friendly smile which makes other employees feel cared about. And, he keeps the candy dishes piled high and soup crock pots steaming for all to enjoy!

Other nominees included Mechanic Doug Lorentzen, Operations Supervisor Rickie Stimbert, Administrative Services Assistant Krista Mitchell, and Paratransit Driver Karen Martin.

Washington State Transit Insurance Pool (WSTIP) Deputy Director M. Jerry Spears attended the ceremony, along with representatives from the ATU, Local 587, Seattle office, and Clallam Transit System Board members.

Annual Public Transit Safety and Achievement Awards Announced

Operations Manager Clint Wetzel recognized nine Operations Department employees for perfect attendance during 2014. They were Jack Meyer and Steve Zipser (three consecutive years); and Robert E. Lee (two years); O.E Byerley, Bob Eash, Bob Kuhn, Danny Smith, Ed Stanard, and Rickie Stimbert (one year). Commendation certificates for years of safe driving were presented to: Linda Bell-31 years; Bruce Monro-26 years; Curt Register-24 years; Anita Campbell-21 years; Dan Kauffman and Kathy Kroll-17 years; Joe Sutton-10 years; Frank Carpenter and David Larrabee-8 years; Steve Waugaman and Steve Zipser-7 years; Josh Goakey, Jason McNickle, and Don Smith-5 years; David Fudally, Ken Milliser, Kim Myhres, Jerry Rankin, and Butch Sonnabend-4 years; Marty Borleau, Corey Boyd, Brian Kelly, Paul Cousineau, Jim Goff and Tom Spradlin-3 years; Duane Benedict, O.E. Byerley, Jack Meyers, Don Trautman and Howard Werner-2 years and Greg Clark, Jesse Coley and Joe Hooker-1 year.

Maintenance Manager Kevin Gallacci introduced Mac Johnson and Zachery Dove as new employees in 2014.

Gallacci recognized the following Maintenance Department employees who received an award for completing the year 2014 with no preventable accident or occupational injuries, along with a commendation for the employees' long term outstanding safety record: Doug Lorentzen for completing his first year without a preventable accident or injury; Warren Musgrove and Brett McCallister for completing 3 consecutive years without a preventable accident or injury; Eric Caynak with a total of 4 years; Terry Donovan with a total of 5 years; Robert Sanders for the year as well as a total of 13 years; Marilyn Aldrich and Casey Rudd for the year with both having a perfect record of 14 consecutive years without a preventable accident or injury; Gary Abrams, Jr. having a total of 17 years; John Hamrick with 21 years; Leo Hansen completing 22 consecutive

years and Larry Latson with his outstanding flawless safety record of 27 consecutive years without a preventable accident or occupational injury.

Gallacci also recognized eight Maintenance Department employees for perfect attendance during 2014. They were Doug Lorentzen, Brett McCallister, Leo Hansen, Robert Sanders, Marilyn Aldrich, Eric Caynak, John Hamrick, and Larry Latson.

The system's Employees' Association Board of Directors announced Operations Office Manager Sonya McKibbon had been selected as the recipient of the 2014 "Cliff Pavlak Memorial Recognition Award".

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